

## STATE HIGHLIGHTS

# Mississippi

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 70 percent of the households in Mississippi took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Mississippi households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Mississippi took 11.0 million person-trips, an average of 5.0 trips and 2,991 miles per traveler. Visitors to Mississippi took 11.7 million person-trips, an average of 5.8 trips and 3,430 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Mississippi has increased 71 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 55 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in Mississippi take 4.9 car trips per traveler compared with 2.1 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,374 miles) than by car (2,454 miles).
- Travelers from Mississippi who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 3.7 trips per traveler compared with 6.9 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Mississippi are Louisiana, Tennessee, and Alabama. Louisiana, Florida, and Tennessee are the most popular origin states for travelers to Mississippi.

**Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Mississippi and the United States: 1977 and 1995**






	Mississippi			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
<b>People who live in area</b>						
Percent traveling households	62	70	12.9	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	2.9	4.9	68.0	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	4.7	7.0	48.9	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	1.6	4.1	156.2	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	5.0	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	2,991	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	600	NA	709	827	16.6
<b>People who visit area</b>						
Trips per traveler	3.4	5.8	70.6	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	2,213	3,430	54.0	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	647	593	-8.3	709	827	16.6

**Note:** Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

**Source:** U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



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	Destination of Travel
	More than 20.00
	10.01–20.00
	1.00–10.00
	Less than 1.00

NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.

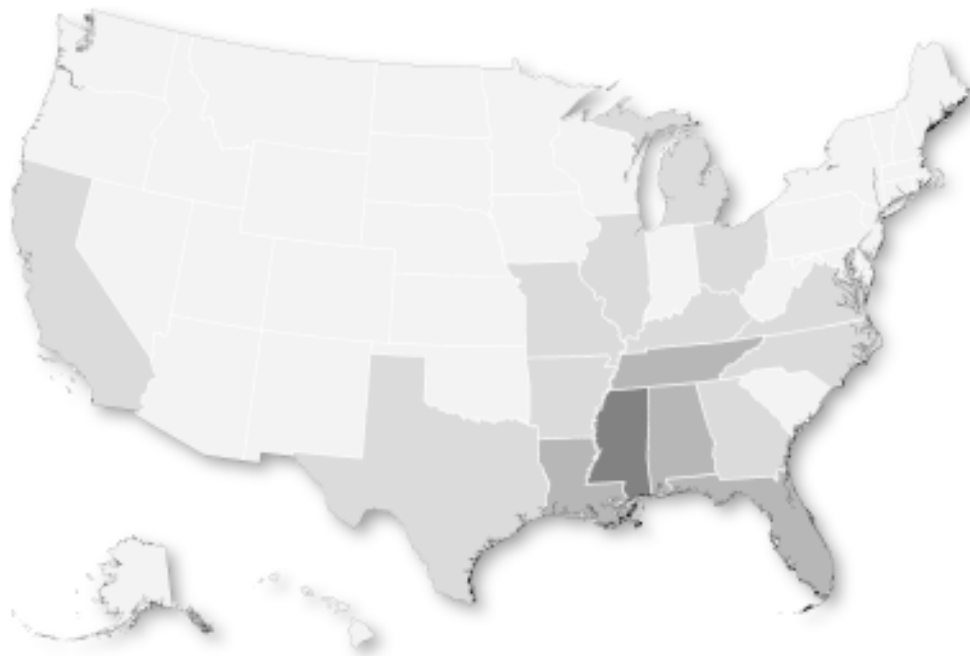
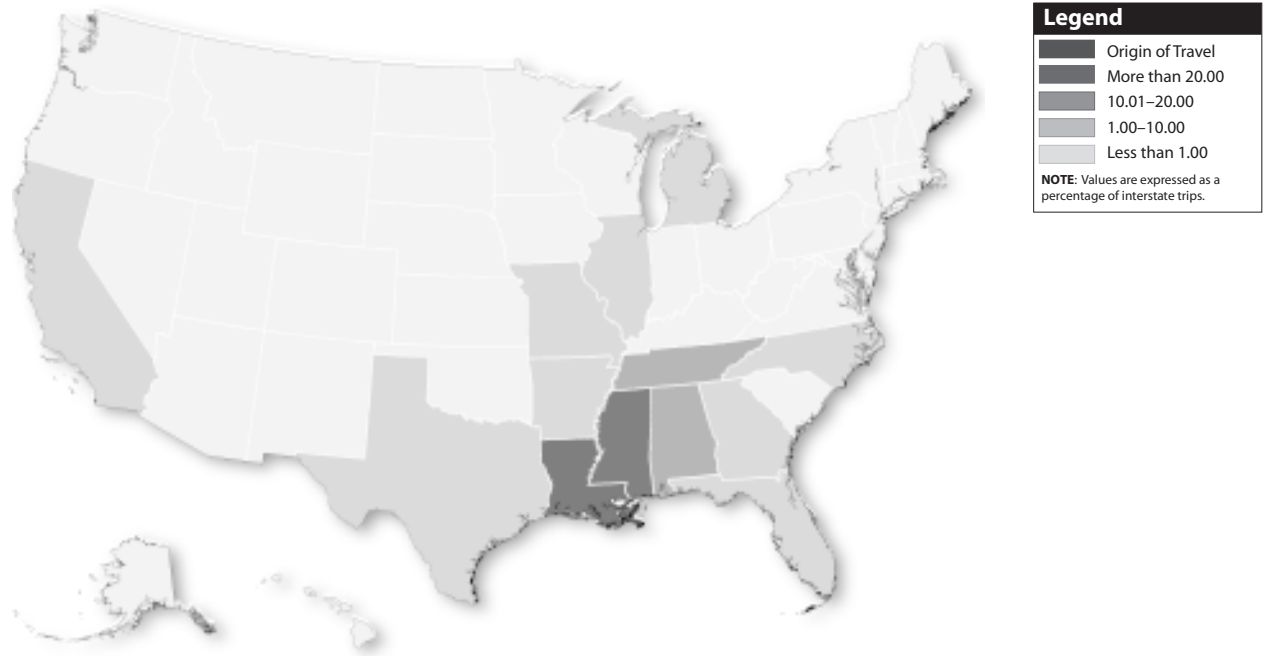


Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Mississippi (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN MISSISSIPPI		4,613		
Alabama	985		Montana	1
Alaska	1		Nebraska	5
Arizona	1		Nevada	2
Arkansas	475		New Hampshire	3
California	106		New Jersey	20
Colorado	14		New Mexico	3
Connecticut	18		New York	35
Delaware	1		North Carolina	94
District of Columbia	6		North Dakota	1
Florida	1,162		Ohio	181
Georgia	514		Oklahoma	67
Hawaii	—		Oregon	1
Idaho	6		Pennsylvania	16
Illinois	140		Rhode Island	2
Indiana	34		South Carolina	44
Iowa	16		South Dakota	1
Kansas	21		Tennessee	1,104
Kentucky	82		Texas	123
Louisiana	1,312		Utah	1
Maine	2		Vermont	1
Maryland	22		Virginia	120
Massachusetts	7		Washington	22
Michigan	92		West Virginia	6
Minnesota	48		Wisconsin	31
Missouri	162		Wyoming	1

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**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Mississippi (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN MISSISSIPPI		4,613	
Alabama	960	Montana	1
Alaska	26	Nebraska	1
Arizona	19	Nevada	11
Arkansas	258	New Hampshire	12
California	72	New Jersey	12
Colorado	31	New Mexico	16
Connecticut	3	New York	37
Delaware	1	North Carolina	74
District of Columbia	72	North Dakota	6
Florida	560	Ohio	37
Georgia	252	Oklahoma	19
Hawaii	18	Oregon	3
Idaho	2	Pennsylvania	32
Illinois	147	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	38	South Carolina	30
Iowa	10	South Dakota	—
Kansas	32	Tennessee	1,022
Kentucky	39	Texas	414
Louisiana	1,693	Utah	4
Maine	—	Vermont	1
Maryland	6	Virginia	41
Massachusetts	15	Washington	16
Michigan	63	West Virginia	7
Minnesota	7	Wisconsin	14
Missouri	153	Wyoming	1

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for Mississippi: 1995

	Person trips <sup>†</sup>	Number of travelers <sup>†</sup>	Trips per traveler	Miles <sup>*</sup>	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
<b>PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA</b>	<b>10,975</b>	<b>2,195</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6,553</b>	<b>2,991</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	10,134	2,077	4.9	5,098	2,454	503
Commercial air	567	272	2.1	1,190	4,374	2,101
Intercity bus	28	23	1.2	42	1,839	1,488
Train	24	22	1.1	33	1,479	1,387
Other	222	155	1.4	189	1,218	853
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	2,957	669	4.4	1,788	2,672	605
Visit friends or relatives	3,813	1,147	3.3	2,331	2,032	611
Leisure	2,477	1,087	2.3	1,588	1,462	641
Other	1,729	596	2.9	846	1,418	489
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	2,758	743	3.7	1,568	2,109	568
\$25,000 to \$49,999	5,086	1,045	4.9	3,025	2,894	595
\$50,000 or greater	3,130	455	6.9	1,961	4,312	626
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	3,068	778	3.9	1,614	2,075	526
25 to 64	7,162	1,253	5.7	4,356	3,475	608
65 and over	746	186	4.0	583	3,139	782
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	5,680	1,063	5.3	3,483	3,276	613
Female	5,295	1,137	4.7	3,070	2,700	580
<b>PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA</b>	<b>11,722</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6,949</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>593</b>
<b>Means of transportation</b>						
Personal use vehicle	10,634	1,763	6.0	5,227	2,964	492
Commercial air	595	166	3.6	1,368	8,260	2,301
Intercity bus	37	19	1.9	45	2,381	1,238
Train	2	1	2.9	5	6,825	2,366
Other	455	72	6.3	303	4,207	667
<b>Main purpose</b>						
Business	2,819	462	6.1	2,047	4,425	726
Visit friends or relatives	3,613	683	5.3	2,134	3,124	591
Leisure	3,623	848	4.3	1,813	2,137	500
Other	1,668	352	4.7	955	2,717	573
<b>Income</b>						
Less than \$25,000	2,392	432	5.5	1,180	2,731	493
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,832	866	5.6	2,784	3,217	576
\$50,000 or greater	4,498	664	6.8	2,985	4,494	664
<b>Age</b>						
Less than 24	2,519	476	5.3	1,284	2,699	510
25 to 64	8,208	1,311	6.3	5,031	3,838	613
65 and over	995	167	5.0	634	3,807	637
<b>Gender</b>						
Male	5,987	937	6.4	3,698	3,948	618
Female	5,735	1,016	5.6	3,251	3,201	567

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